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Medal of Liberty Ceremony at Statehouse April 11

BOSTON – Gov. Deval Patrick and Maj. Gen. Joseph C. Carter, The Adjutant General, Massachusetts National Guard, will host a ceremony at the Statehouse, April 11, at 2 p.m. in the Hall of Flags, to present the Medal of Liberty to approximately 25 families of Massachusetts servicemembers.

The Medal of Liberty, open to all branches of service, is awarded in the name of the Governor as Commander-in-Chief of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to any service man or woman killed in action or who died as a result of wounds received in action.

The medal is heart shaped and symbolic of the Purple Heart with a gold border. The center of the medal bears the Gold Star. The top center of the medal is the coat-of-arms of the Commonwealth. The reverse of the medal top depicts the branch of service of the member. The reverse consists of the words "In Honored Memory" above the name engraving surface and "Service and Sacrifice" below.

For more information on the Medal of Liberty follow this [link](#).

Media are invited to attend the opening event, and must register at the number above.

WHAT: Massachusetts Medal of Liberty Ceremony

WHEN: Monday, April 11, 2011, beginning at 2 p.m.

WHERE: Statehouse, Hall of Flags, Boston, Mass.

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